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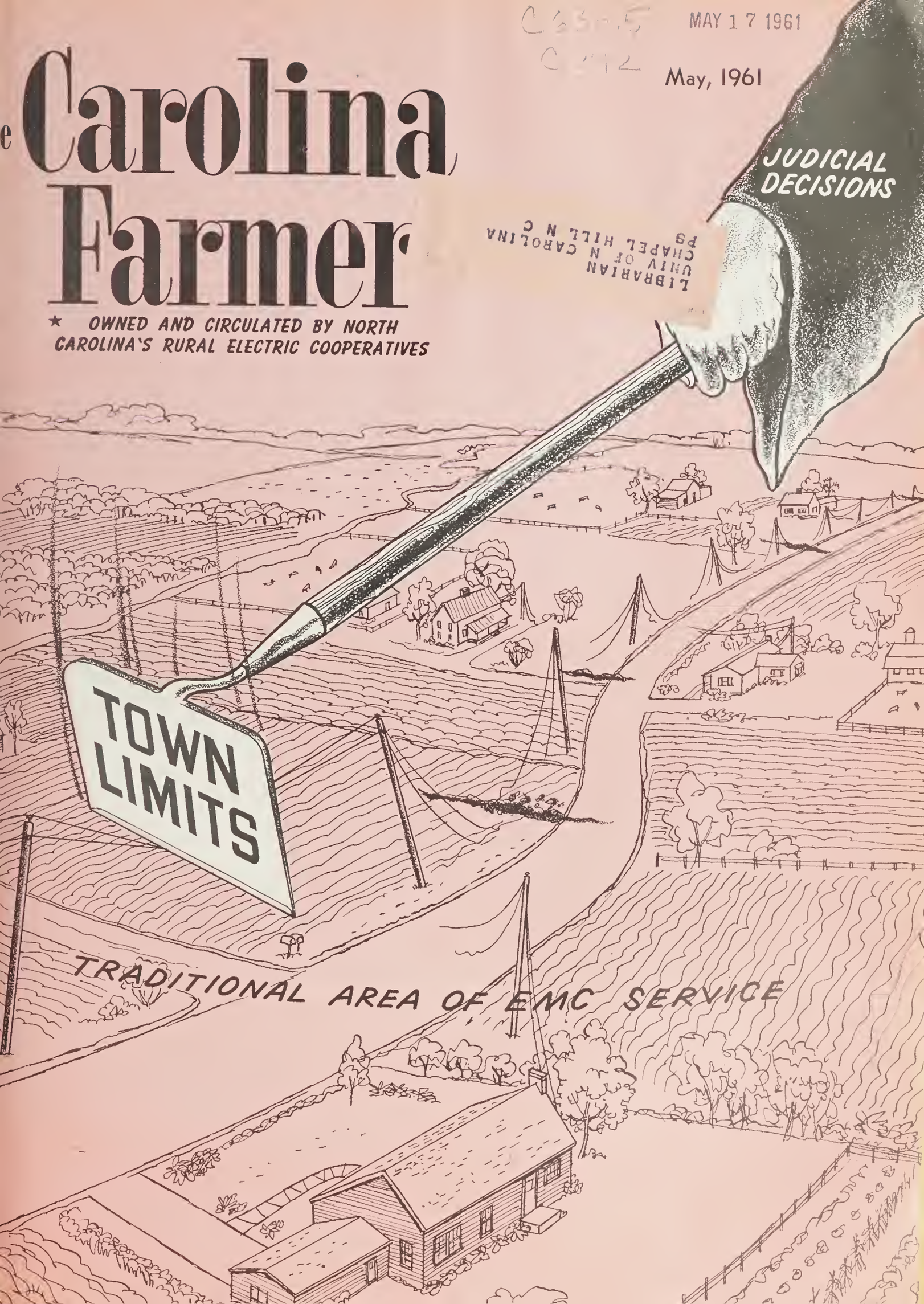

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**THE COVER**—The purpose of the cartoon is not to criticize the judiciary, but to focus your attention upon a problem that the courts have been unable to solve in a manner that meets the law student's concept of the law: that it prevents that which is wrong and commands that which is right. For further explanation see the opposite editorial and pages 6 and 7.

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# NEEDED: *A law*

## *to protect EMC areas*

THE CITIZEN'S SUPPORT OF THE LAW is based on the belief that it ultimately rights wrongs.

It is wrong for the law to encourage a business to invest in a plant, develop a market, and then deprive it of its property and right to do business when the market becomes attractive to another business.

Just such a wrong is being inflicted upon REA-financed electric membership corporations in a number of places in North Carolina.

The General Assembly, in 1935, and the Congress, in 1936, enacted laws which encouraged the formation of rural electric cooperatives. They were given a mandate to provide electric service to *all* the people of the unserved rural areas where they were chartered to do business.

Subsequent law dealing with the EMCs has been largely a product of court decisions. Recent court-made law, as interpreted by the Superior Courts, threatens to deprive the electric membership corporations of the right to continue serving areas that are annexed by towns.

The General Assembly, now in session, can serve the public interest by putting on the law books an act which protects the economic and moral rights of the EMCs when their areas of service are annexed.

Tarheel Electric Membership Association has prepared a bill which, if passed, should keep the cooperatives out of court in most such instances. And in case of litigation, it would give the courts a legislative act on which to hang their decisions.

The bill is printed on page 7. Basically, it does nothing more than to preserve the principle of area coverage which brought electricity to rural America.

If area coverage was right enough in theory to receive the support of the General Assembly 26 years ago, it is right enough to be protected now that it is a principle proved in practice.

## THE FRONT PORCH *by J. C. Brown, Jr.*

It's hard to keep track of the people who've been "written up" in *the Carolina Farmer,* or who stick around in our editorial memories for some reason or other.

But this Spring has been rewarding. We heard from, or about, four or five of the folks we keep an eye on.

Frank Proffitt, the Reese banjomaker and folk singer—whose story appeared in two parts last summer—writes that he was invited up to Chicago back in the winter to appear in a folk festival.

There he was interviewed by *The N. Y. Times, Life,* and *Saturday Evening Post,* and had a great time doing what he loves best—sharing his musical heritage with others.

Frank, a generous man if there ever was, wrote to tell us that *the Carolina Farmer* had something to do with the recognition he received in Chicago.

**One of Our Favorite** "discoveries" was Jane Harris Owen of near Seagrove. Jane was selected last month to go to France this spring as an International Farm Youth Exchange delegate.

Jane is the pretty 4-H'er who appeared on our September, 1957, cover, after winning the 4-H electric demonstration contest, which is sponsored by Tarheel Electric Membership Association, our publisher. Jane also inspired our Rural Roundtable and was the first panelist selected.

**Elsie Corbitt Currin,** who ranks right along with Frank Proffitt in thoughtfulness, wrote that she'd made a couple of sales to magazines with national circulation. But the first sale she ever made was to *the Carolina Farmer,* she wanted to tell us. That was "Country School Ma'am" which we carried a couple of years ago.

On pages 12 and 13, we carry some further impressions of a "Country School Ma'am," and right timely they are, too.

**A New Name** was Mrs. O. R. Gallagher, and we first came across it in the *Durham Sun.*

Mrs. Gallagher is a member of Wake Electric Membership Corporation, and right after the Supreme Court issued two decisions in favor of Blue Ridge EMC and Pee Dee EMC (at least it appeared they were favorable, but see page 6 for *that* story), she was stirred to write a letter to her nearby newspaper.

**It began:** "It is gratifying to know that justice still prevails in some areas of our judicial system. In two recent cases involving the Duke Power Co. and the Carolina Power and Light Co. versus the two REA cooperatives in their areas, the State Supreme court gave its decision in favor of the REA. The shame of it is that such cases have to be appealed to the State Supreme Court for justice."

**And ended:** "There is no danger of our community ever being incorporated within a town or city, but if that time ever came, I'd fight for my right to retain my membership in the REA, the organization that befriended us when we were so much in need of electricty."

**In Between** the beginning and end, there are plenty of hard facts which explain why Mrs. Gallagher reached her conclusion. You can read her complete letter on page 22.

And we hope there are plenty of letter-writing Mrs. Gallaghers around this month who will get in touch immediately with their state senaors and representatives in support of legislation which will protect the right of your cooperative to continue to exist on an area-coverage basis. You can get the details on pages 3, 6, and 7.

**The Illustration is of cattle and "Cattle Egrets," the latter a species of whitish, long-legged birds that have recently arrived in Eastern North Carolina from Africa. They eat ticks and other insects, so don't shoot at them.**

**Against Abandoned Schools**

In the March issue of *the Carolina Farmer,* an article entitled "Abandon Rural America?" took my eye. It mentioned the deserted homes and stores, but didn't say anything about the school houses that have cost the taxpayers much money and are now closed, and the country children being hauled miles and miles to get to the big school in some little town.

It's true they may have some advantages, but they miss a lot of things they'd have in their own communities. When the school is taken out of a community, often the church goes down, too, and who wants to live in a place where there is no church or school?

So I'm writing to ask that you use your influence to help stop this trend before all that money that Governor Sanford is going to raise will be spent for more and more consolidation. That governor that advocated a high school in reach of every child certainly didn't mean all this wholesale hauling of children all over the country and getting so many of them in one place that opportunities for all to take part in school activities and sports are impossible.

I feel like the day will come when all this will look as out-dated as the horse and buggy and the old one-room school house, but in the meantime it is ruining rural areas along with other things.

I have written Governor Sanford to try to get him to see what is being done. School buses are necessary for even moderate consolidation in this day, but every extra mile adds to the danger. The first year our school children were transported out of the community, one beautiful young girl was killed in a bus wreck. All the education in our county is not worth the loss of even one child. If you want to help rural North Carolina, this is a good way to do it.

Yours respectfully,
Retired teacher
(Name Omitted by Reques

**The Mule**

After reading "Preserve Us" by Da (the Mule), I had to have my say, too. I was born on a farm and have been around mules all my life. I did learn to plow them and ride them. I have tended to mules for my father, and husban

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# The Winner of our Scholarship Contest

## *Samuel Guthrie of Harkers Island*

Samuel Guthrie (second from left), winner of the 1961 Rural Electric Scholarship Contest, accepts check and transistor radio from Maxwell Willis, manager of Harkers Island EMC. At right are Samuel's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Lee Guthrie.

SAMUEL GUTHRIE OF HARKERS ISLAND is winner of the 1961 Rural Electric Scholarship Contest, sponsored by *the Carolina Farmer* and 30 local electric membership corporations.

Samuel is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Lee Guthrie, members of Harkers Island Electric Membership Corporation. Harkers Island EMC, with 420 members, is next to the smallest rural electric cooperative in North Carolina. Only Ocracoke is smaller.

As the winner, Samuel will receive a $500 cash scholarship, to be held in trust for him until he matriculates in college. Should he decide not to attend college, he will be awarded an alternate prize of $200 in cash immediately.

He is also winner of a $69.95 transistor radio gift pack given as a local prize by Harkers Island Electric Membership Corporation.

Samuel is an exceptional student—having made only two B's from the first grade until the present. The remainder of his grades have been A's.

He is 16 years old, and a junior at Smyrna High School.

The son of a fisherman, Samuel's present plans for the future aren't certain, but he has "thought a lot about a career in the Navy."

His chief interest is his school work—specially American History. He is also interested in sports, and next year plans to try out for baseball and basketball.

Samuel keeps a file of old *Carolina Farmers* and studied these and a booklet issued by Harkers Island EMC before preparing his essay.

The essay, like the other entries, was entitled: "My Electric Membership Corporation: A Good Citizen."

His was selected the best of 471 entries by a panel of judges consisting of:

A. G. Bullard, in charge of vocational agriculture, State Department of Public Instruction; Earl Shiflet, executive manager, Virginia Association of Rural Electric Cooperatives; Mrs. Lois Neal, reference librarian, N. C. State Library; E. S. Knight, public relations director, Farmers Cooperative Exchange; Rudolph Pate, director, News Bureau, N. C. State College; and Joe Hancock, associate director, State College News Bureau.

On a fill-in quiz which comprised a part of the entry, Samuel made a perfect score. In order to qualify his essay for judging, a contestant had to make either 100 on the quiz, or miss no more questions than any other contestant from his cooperative.

There were 30 local winners. Each of these, like Samuel, will receive a Motorola transistor gift pack from their local EMC.

The local winners, their cooperatives, schools, and parents' names follow:

**Albemarle EMC:** Janie Stallings, Perquimans High, daughter of Asa E. Stallings of Belvidere.

**Blue Ridge EMC:** Doris Ann Cearley, Ashe Central High, daughter of Paul Jackson Cearley of Jefferson, Rt. 1.

**Brunswick EMC:** Lula Alberta Solomon, Artesia High, daughter of Lessly Solomon of Clarkton, Rt. 2.

**Burke-McDowell EMC:** Ted L. Duckworth, Salem High, son of Charles J. Duckworth of Morganton, Rt. 1.

**Carteret-Craven EMC:** Emma Jean Lawrence, Smyrna School, daughter of Blondell Lawrence of Beaufort, Rt. 2.

**Central EMC:** Judy Welch, Bennett High, daughter of Henry A. Welch of Bennett.

**Cornelius EMC:** Martha Bernice Hart, Cool Spring School, daughter of Spruce Rankin Hart of Statesville, Rt. 7.

**Davidson EMC:** Louella Loflin, Farmer High, daughter of Coy Edward Loflin of Denton, Rt. 3.

**Davie EMC:** Anne Lipham, Davie County Consolidated High School, daughter of Frank Lipham of Mocksville, Rt. 3.

**Edgecombe-Martin Cty. EMC:** Dorothy Jean Keel, Robersonville High, daughter of John Henry Keel of Robersonville, Rt. 1.

**Four County EMC:** Frances Hester, Bladenboro High, daughter of Marvin H. Hester of Bladenboro.

**French Broad EMC:** Tony Honeycutt, Cane River High, son of Biss Honeycutt of Burnsville, Rt. 4.

**Haywood EMC:** John C. McCracken, Clyde High, son of A. C. McCracken, Waynesville, Rt. 4.

**Jones-Onslow EMC:** Frances Elizabeth Taylor, Dixon High, daughter of Frederick Wiley Taylor of Sneads Ferry, Rt. 1.

**Lumbee River EMC:** Tommy Culbreth, Lumberton High, son of W. K. Culbreth of Lumberton, Rt. 4.

**Ocracoke EMC:** Lewis Jackson Tolleson, Ocracoke School.

**Pamlico-Beaufort EMC:** Rita Jane Harris, Pamlico County High, daughter of John Thomas Harris of Oriental.

**Pee Dee EMC:** Dianne H. Kelly, Rockingham High, daughter of Frank

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# KEEPING UP with rural electrification

**By Walter Fuller, executive manager, Tarheel Electric Membership Association**

By the time you read this, a bill will have been introduced into the General Assembly to protect Electric Membership Corporations against loss of service areas because of municipal expansion.

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The bill will do nothing more unusual than allow the member-owned cooperatives to continue serving the *premises* and *areas* where they are now.

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We have no way of knowing what the General Assembly will do, but the bill we prepared would keep your Electric Membership Corporation from having to abandon its property and area of service to another utility when a city extends its limits.

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On page 7, you'll find the bill we propose, and some questions and answers which clarify the purpose and effect of it.

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A surprising judgment from Caldwell Superior Court on April 6 leaves no doubt about the need for this legislation.

Last fall, in suit between the Town of Hudson and Duke on one side, and Blue Ridge EMC on the other, Judge Farthing ruled that Blue Ridge EMC must get out of Hudson. Duke is the franchised power supplier in Hudson.

The Supreme Court overruled Judge Farthing, holding that Blue Ridge had a "right and duty" to remain in the town, where it had served since 1941.

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The case was remanded to Caldwell Court for a judgment in keeping with the high court's ruling. Judge J. Will Pless of Marion asked attorneys for both Duke and Blue Ridge to submit proposed judgments.

Judge Pless accepted the judgment prepared by Duke almost without change.

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Blue Ridge's interpretation of the Supreme Court decision was that it permitted it to remain in Hudson restricted only by a wholesale power contract it has with Duke.

Judge Pless's judgment restricts Blue Ridge to serving those who were members before April 1, 1961.

We fear that if a member dies, then Blue Ridge no longer can serve his home. If the member sells his home—even to a person who wants service from Blue Ridge—the buyer must accept service from Duke or do without, is one possible effect of the judgment.

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Blue Ridge has appealed Judge Pless's judgment to the Supreme Court.

Pee Dee EMC, which has also been to the Supreme Court and back to Superior Court in its struggle to protect its rights in the annexed Knob Hill area at Rockingham, has appealed a judgment signed by Judge L. Richardson Preyer. The effect of Judge Preyer's judgment is approximately the same as that signed by Judge Pless.

# A BILL *to be entitled "An Act Defining Conditions Under Which Electric Membership Corporations Lawfully Furnish Service Inside the Corporate Limits of Municipalities."*

*The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:*

**Section 1.** Chapter 117 of the General Statutes of North Carolina is hereby amended by inserting therein an additional section, to be designated Section 117-10.1 and to read as follows:

**"Section 117-10.1. Service inside Municipalities.** (a) No electric membership corporation shall hereafter for the first time begin furnishing electric service inside the limits of any municipality having, according to the Federal decennial census taken next preceding the time of such proposed service, a population in excess of 1,500, except upon the approval of the municipality's governing body: PROVIDED, that no past or future increase to in excess of 1,500 of the population of any municipality inside whose limits, prior to such increase, an electric membership corporation was or shall be furnishing electric service shall affect the right of such corporation to continue furnishing service therein to premises already served by it or to additional premises not already served by another supplier; AND PROVIDED FURTHER, that, without regard to a municipality's population or any increase therein, no past or future inclusion within its limits, by incorporation or annexation, of an area in which, at the time of such inclusion, an electric membership corporation was or shall be furnishing electric service shall affect the right of such corporation to continue furnishing service in such area to premises already served by it or to additional premises not already served by another supplier.

"(b) This section shall not apply to telephone membership corporations organized under Article IV of this Chapter."

**Section 2.** Chapter 117 of the General Statutes of North Carolina is hereby amended by deleting the words inside the parentheses on lines 3 and 4 of Section 20 and inserting in lieu thereof new wording, to read as follows:

"other than merchandise and property which lie within the corporate limits of a municipality or which, in the judgment of the board, are not necessary or useful in operating the corporation."

**Section 3.** All laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

**Section 4.** This Act shall be in full force and effect from and after its ratification.

# QUESTIONS & ANSWERS ON ABOVE BILL

**Q. What does the above legislation do, generally?**

**A.** It gives the Electric Membership Corporations (often called "REA cooperatives" or "rural electric cooperatives") the legal right to continue to serve "premises" and "areas" they are now serving.

**Q. Don't they have that right?**

**A.** The position of Tarheel Electric Membership Association is that they have the moral right, but it appears that the EMCs will have to be in court constantly to assert that right, unless they are able to get this bill passed.

**Q. REA cooperatives in North Carolina have been operating since shortly after the N. C. REA act of 1935 and the federal act of 1936. Why didn't they seek this legislation earlier?**

**A.** The cooperatives' right to serve was not challenged until city limits expanded into areas which were strictly rural a few years ago. At the time the cooperatives built their facilities into the annexed areas, neither the commercial power companies nor the municipal systems wanted to serve these thinly-settled territories because of the high investment and expected low return.

Partly because electric service was provided by the cooperatives, these areas grew, and were annexed by towns.

**Q. Were the cooperatives offered the opportunity to continue to serve these areas after annexation?**

**A.** No. In two cases that have become known as test cases, the towns asked the cooperatives to remove their facilities and permit franchised power companies to take over their consumers.

**Q. Why didn't the cooperatives move out when requested?**

**A.** They had made a considerable investment to serve these areas. The investment was predicated upon the reasonable expectation that they would receive revenue from all loads that developed within these areas over the years.

**Q. How would loss of these annexed areas affect the remaining members?**

**A.** The people of the annexed areas were able to receive electric service because the cooperatives borrowed money from REA with which to build the system to them. That debt is reduced by all members, in proportion to their use of electricity. Loss of members means there are fewer remaining to share the reduction of debt and the cost of operating an electric distribution system.

**Q. If the cooperatives don't obtain the right to serve in the areas they developed, will it affect the ability of new consumers in rural areas to obtain service?**

**A.** It could. If any electric power supplier—cooperative or commercial—faces the certainty that in a few years it will lose its investment, it is not likely to make it.

Lack of a protected service area tends to create "twilight zones" where no electric service is available.

But for Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation, such a twilight zone would have existed in the town of Hudson.

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# Ghost Mountain

***In Haywood County, the straight-uppest railroad in the state, the tallest town east of the Rockies, and the nation's newest park-type playground.***

A month ago, Haywood EMC crews were preparing to bring three-phase power up the mountain to operate two 75 hp motors which pull 1 million tourists up the top of Ghost Mountain before the year is out. (Inset) Haywood EMC Manager R. C. Sheffield (left) and a Ghost Mountain workman, Thomas Sutton of Maggie, near top of incline.

BETWEEN NOW and next January, an estimated 1 million people will wander around the streets on top of a Haywood County mountain that 10 months ago was inhabited almost exclusively by bears, and other wildlife.

At the top of the mountain (4,650 feet above sea level), they'll move into another century and another world—fiv other worlds to be exact, crowned by genuine Wild West town of the 1880'

The tourists will get to the top—

Main Street of Western Town at pinnacle of Ghost Mountain park. Before park's opening, scheduled for May 1, Haywood EMC planned to put lines underground. Simulated gas lights (operated electrically) will replace temporary modern lights.

Developer R. B. Coburn and Sheffield stand between church and saloon in Western Town. Church is for real. Saloon serves only soft drinks and simulated gun-fights. Coburn expects movie companies will use his town on location.

almost—by the straight-uppest railroad in the state. If steep grades bother them, they have a choice of taking a bus, rigged up like a 19th century trolley.

Before last summer the newest in America's park-type playgrounds, of which Disneyland is the best known, was called Buck Mountain by the natives of Maggie Valley.

This is the lovely, and much photographed, country which lies along the route of Highway 19, about 13 miles west of Waynesville and 12 miles east of Cherokee. Not incidentally, it is just across the hollow from America's most popular public land, the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

Taking note of this, an Orangeburg, S. C. businessman, R. B. Coburn, bought Buck Mountain, renamed it Ghost Mountain, and last September started building Ghost Mountain Park. A month ago, when *the Carolina Farmer* visited the mountain, workmen were putting the finishing touches on the million-dollar development. It was scheduled to open May 1.

THE PARK consists of five villages where visitors can experience some of the everyday events in the lives of people who inhabited (in order of their location up the mountain) an old mining town; a mountain village of 1860; a southwestern Mexican village (not completed); a Western cow-town of 100 years ago; and an Indian village of pioneer vintage.

Once you pay the freight to get to the top of the mountain, you don't *have* to spend a cent, Coburn said.

Fare by incline railroad is $1.60 adults,

This is the view toward Asheville from Western Town. In middle distance is Lake Junaluska.

Coburn, standing on the level of his Mountain Town, asked, "How could you put this in a brochure?" Road beyond leads to Cherokee Indian Reservation.

$1 children; by bus, $1 adults, 50 cents children. The trip by rail is 3,364 feet—straight and mostly up.

On the mountain you have 30 operating businesses. They will sell you anything from a gourmet's meal served in plush surroundings, to a root beer which you drink while you view can-can girls dancing on the balcony of a saloon with red velvet walls.

You can't buy a drink of real red-eye in any of the five villages. All of the towns are strictly dry.

You can see shoot-outs, Indian raids, and mountain feuds without charge. You can also take a free look at Asheville (30 miles to the east) on a *very* clear day. If it is hazy, settle for Lake Junaluska, 12 miles off.

In Western Town, you can drop a donation in the collection plate of what is likely the most heavenly church, in terms of altitude, in the United States. Services in Western Town's church will be conducted by the Maggie Valley Ministerial Alliance, and the donations shared by the valley churches.

Coburn said there had been no problem getting people to work at Ghost Mountain Park. He had more applications for can-can girls than he could handle. Two came from his daughters, ages 10 and 14. His son, 8, has his application in for junior marshal.

COBURN'S IDEA for the park was inspired by a visit he made to *Frontier City, U. S. A.*, in Oklahoma City. He hired the designers of that park, R. H. and Elizabeth Pearson, to design and supervise the building of everything in the five towns. The Pearsons, Coburn said, are recognized as the world's top designers of this type of attraction.

The design of the villages offered

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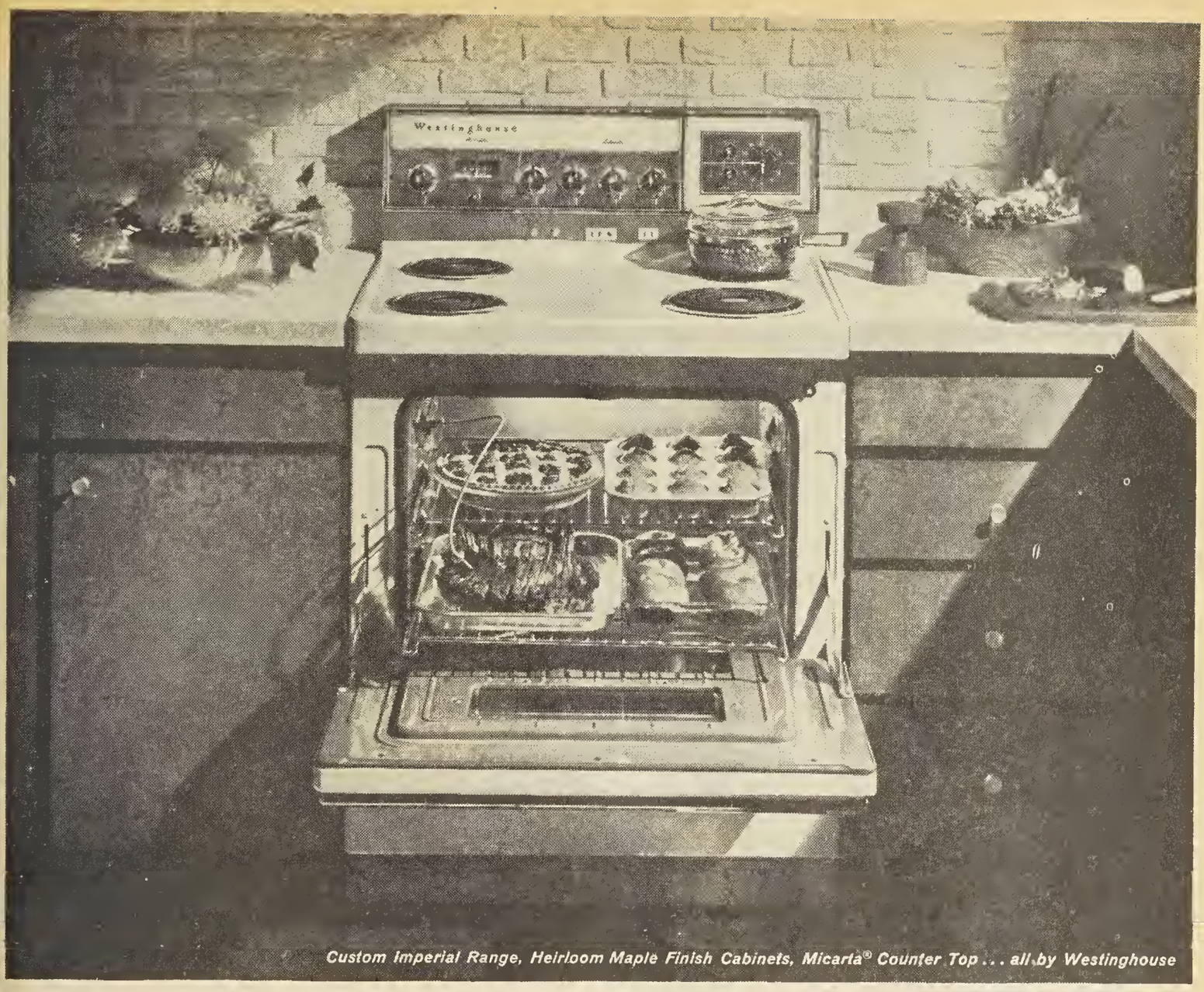
At point where photo was made in late March, there will be a kiddie-circus with animal acts. Parts of towns visible are (from left to right moving up mountain) Mining Town, Mountain Town, and Western Town.

A quarter way from the top of the incline railroad, steepes grade begins. Below is Maggie Valley.

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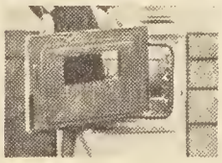

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***Suddenly the things she knew and wanted to share seemed useless and out of date. How could a country school ma'am capture the interest of youngsters who knew about rocket thrust, astronauts, and jets? She found the answer in a . . .***

# Country Spring

By ELSIE CORBITT CURRIN

"THEY got a hitchhiker into space!" Kenneth exclaimed as he burst into the classroom one morning.

"I saw it on television," David answered: "Only the hitchhiker didn't separate from the primary stage and they're spinning around out there together."

"It messes up the television reception every two hours," Joe complained.

I wasn't up on space lingo, but I always try to appear intelligent by inserting questions here and there.

"Why does it bother television?" I asked knowingly. Fortunately, I wasn't called upon to answer my own question. Ralph knew:

"It intercepts the signals—just for a second and then it moves out of our frequency."

Bee Bee, my prosaic little bundle of femininity, held her hand up, patiently waiting her turn to speak. When it came, she asked, "What's it for?"

I asked for volunteers to explain it to her (and me).

We got all sorts of opinions as to why this ball of tin-foil, or whatever it's made of, was spinning around our earth.

All the answers boiled down to Lee's: "It's a stepping-stone to space travel."

After that, never did a day pass that I didn't get lost in the discussion of satellites or guided missles, automatic ejection seats in jet planes, atomic submarines, and all the other miracles of modern science and research. Lee announced that he was going to be an astronaut, and Linda that she was going to be an astronautress. Doodles of frightening, flying shapes zoomed across their homework.

I realized, at great expense to my confidence, that my college preparation in elementary science was completely antiquated. So, like my cherubs, I began to read the space news in the daily papers and subscribed to a science fiction magazine. I did learn enough to ask more knowing questions, and to follow a little

better the newest foreign language—space talk.

AND THEN one day it was spring. And I wanted to hear no more about space. I announced that, after recess, we would go on a walk—a simple little hike down to the shallow branch that bordered our big old country school campus.

At recess, Lee asked permission to cross the road and get a reed from the ditch bank.

Could it be possible that he, the most avid of astronauts, would be interested in such a simple thing as fishing?

From the corner of my eye, I watched him. He tied a length of tobacco twine, adorned with a wooden button for a float, to the reed. A rusty nail became the sinker. And a bent straight pin the hook.

With happy hearts, specimen jars, and nets, we started on our adventure.

Bee Bee discovered a cocoon. She held it for a moment—and then her eyes brightened. "Its moving!" she cried. She held her treasure for a moment more, feeling the slightest pulsation of life inside the dried and withered blanket. She let each child hold it—each in turn thrilling to the sensation of life. Then she put it tenderly down in the soft green shoots of grass. "Hurry up, little moth or butterfly," she said softly, and skipped on.

We saw a tiny snake, fresh from its shell. But no one wanted to kill it—it was so new.

Lee turned up a stone and stuck the worm that he found beneath it into his pocket. Now his preparations were complete.

When at last we reached the bridge, where the shallow waters of the marsh and swamp meet to form a little stream, Lee dropped his line in—as confident that he would catch a fish as he was he would one day reach the moon.

We dipped and splashed in the water with our nets and squealed as the damp mud squeezed into our shoes. Then we heard Lee shout above the noise, "I've got a bite!"

Twenty-four children dropped what they were doing and ran to watch. Silently they stood—watching the wooden button disappear in the dark water and the empty hook break the surface as the hopeful little boy tried again and again.

And when it seemed almost impossible to land the worm thief, he came up with a little mud-cat, its fins wide-spread and it's limp feelers sticking to the wet, scaleless body.

How they cheered the great fisherman!

Lee dropped his catch into a specimen jar, and the tiny mud-cat looked fiercely at the children through the glass walls of his prison. Not even a man from Mars would have caused as much excitement.

For days and days we talked of our adventure. Of the beautiful way that nature unfolds her wonders to us every day—without pretense—without applause—but faithfully year after year—day after day. And we watched with awe and respect the work of God as the fragile bird winged its way silently and gracefully through the blue above—as the bee gathered pollen on its hairy bottom to dust it off on another plant—and as the "wiggle tails" scurried from the depths of a stagnant pool to get oxygen from the surface.

We talked about the satellites too, but they came in a poor second to the miracle of a country spring.


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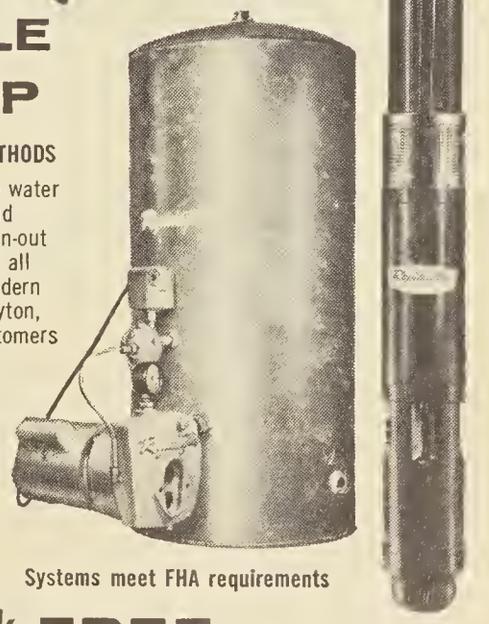

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**Piedmont EMC:** Hilda Gray Talley, Oak Hill High, daughter of Charlie E. Talley of Virgilina, Va., Rt. 2.

**Pitt & Greene EMC:** Joyce Cox, Walstonburg High, daughter of J. D. Cox, Jr., of Stantonsburg, Rt. 1.

**Randolph EMC:** Teresa Diana Parks, Troy High, daughter of Albert Lee Parks of Troy, Rt. 1.

**Roanoke EMC:** Pat Phelps, Windsor High, daughter of Eugene H. Phelps of Windsor.

**Rutherford EMC:** Linda Kaye Brittain, George Hildebran School, daughter of Claude Lee Brittain of Hickory, Rt. 4.

**South River EMC:** Kathy Jones Pugh, Stedman High, daughter of R. C. Pugh of Fayetteville, Rt. 5.

**Surry-Yadkin EMC:** Jerry Leon Cheek, East Wilkes High, son of Quincy A. Cheek of Roaring River.

**Tri-County EMC:** Mary Lois Grady, Brogden High, daughter of Albert Perry Grady of Mt. Olive, Rt. 4.

**Union EMC:** Virginia Earlene Bowden, Mineral Springs School, daughter of Earl Wilson Bowden of Waxhaw, Rt. 1.

**Wake EMC:** Roy Nelson Pearce, Wilton High, son of Robert L. Pearce of Franklinton, Rt. 1.

**Woodstock EMC:** Eric Furbee, Plymouth High, son of Glenn B. Furbee of Pantego, Rt. 1.

# Mail Box

*(Continued from page 4)*

too. These things happened to me in the twenty's and thirty's. You may print this letter and story if you want—if not, well, just don't.

Mrs. Myrtle Berry
Hickory, Rt. 1

*We do!*

☐ Preserve us! Why not? Some of my memories are about and round you, Mr. Mule. Away back in the yesteryears, when I was a very small child my father worked you in the fields, and made our living with you. He even put shoes on your feet so you could work better.

When he came from the field at

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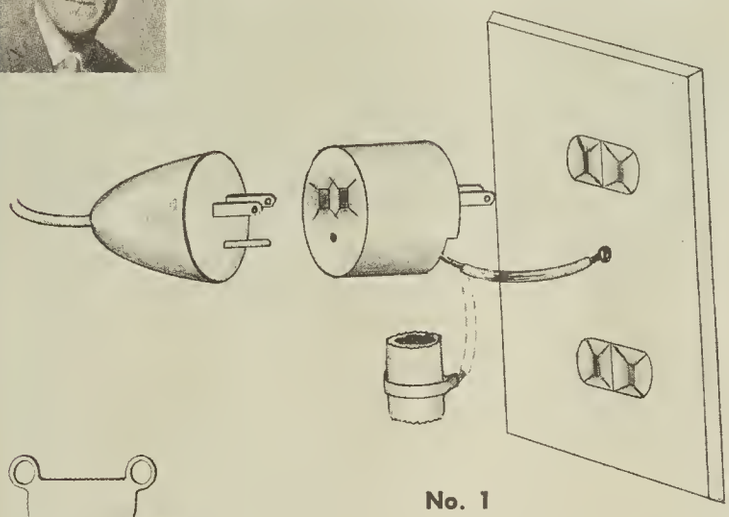
## AROUND THE HOUSE *by Archie Hathcock*

## *Grounding Electrical Equipment*



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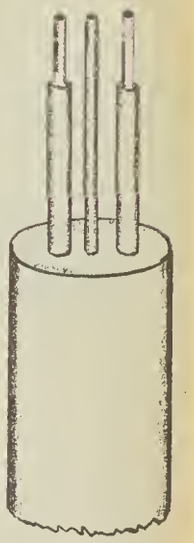

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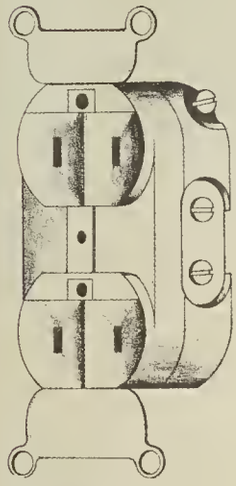


No. 3

1. Adapters are available to convert a two-hole convenience outlet to a three-hole grounded outlet. Green ground lead from adapter may be connected to grounded outlet box, to water pipe, or to driven ground.
2. This is known as a "two conductor plus ground" wire. Two of the wires are insulated, the other is bare.
3. This is a "grounding receptacle." The grounding receptacle should be installed, with the proper "2 wire plus ground" wire, in all places where portable tools are likely to be used.

☐ If you recently bought a new electric drill or power saw it probably came equipped with a three-wire grounding plug. Unless you have an up-to-date wiring job, you found it necessary to purchase an adapter. The adapter fits a two-hole convenience outlet and will receive the three-prong plug that is now available on most power tools.

### *Don't Destroy Green Wire*

The drawback to the general use of the adapter is that too often the green grounding wire is neglected or—worse—cut off, destroying all of its usefulness. Further, the adapter is valueless if attached to a circuit wired only with two-conductor cable.

The real purpose of the three wire cord on the tool is to virtually eliminate the possibility of serious electric shock. However, it is effective only when the green wire from the adapter is attached to a grounded outlet box, to a nearby water pipe, to a driven ground rod, or to a grounding wire that extends all the way back to the switch box.

The ground wire is a non-current carrying wire under normal conditions. It carries a current only in case of a "short." At this time it provides a good, low resistance path for the flow of enough current to blow the fuse. Herein lies your protection.

### *If You Are Rewiring*

By all means if you are building or rewiring some old buildings, have your electrician install the new three-prong receptacle and wire with "2 wire plus ground." When this is done, the adapter can be eliminated.

The David Devanes, members of Four County EMC, replaced an oil floor furnace with clean, comfortable electric heat in their home at Watha.

# No More

## *freezing, fretting and fussing with an oil furnace for these Four County members*

By CECIL REGISTER

After a winter of paying oil bills, you're probably in no mood to think about home heating, but this is the building and remodelling season, too.

If you're thinking of doing either, you should consider the example of Mr. and Mrs. David Devane, of Watha, in Pender County.

The Devanes decided last year not to freeze, fret, and fuss any longer with an oil-burning floor furnace.

They checked with Four County Electric Membership Corporation, to which they belong, and learned the cooperative offered a complete electric heating planning service to members. The cooperative also has low rates which makes electricity competitive with other heating fuels.

In September, the Devanes replaced their floor furnace with baseboard electric heating units.

They installed 15 kw of heating capacity in their 1,540-square-foot home, which was built in 1953.

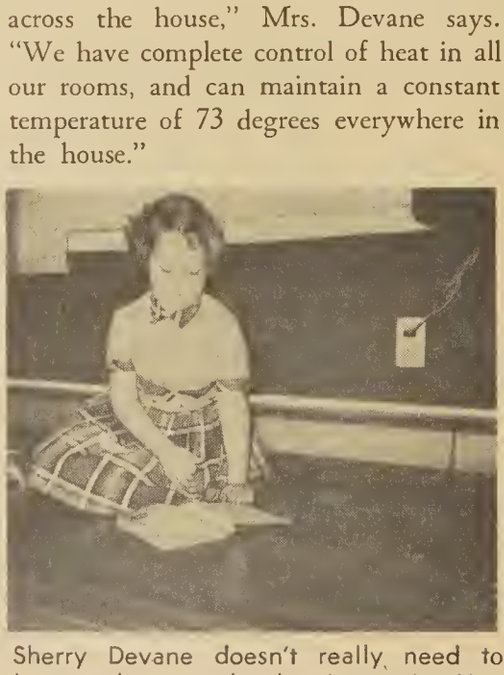
Following the recommendations of Four County, they insulated the brick veneer house throughout. They put three-inch batts under the floor, and blew in six inches of insulation overhead, and filled the wall space with blown-in insulation.

Total cost was $830, including labor.

Cost of all electricity used in the home from September 20 through April 20 was $221.24. Based on their usage prior to installation of electric heating, their electric heating cost averaged $20 a month for these seven months.

Mrs. Devane says they are completely satisfied with the cost. Most of all, the family likes the comfort.

"I like the clean and even heat all across the house," Mrs. Devane says. "We have complete control of heat in all our rooms, and can maintain a constant temperature of 73 degrees everywhere in the house."



Sherry Devane doesn't really need to be so close to the heating unit. Mrs. Devane says their electric heating system gives a constant, even temperature throughout the house.

# low flyin

By PAUL BARWICK

Jet airplanes zooming overhead and the distance which electricity had to travel over lines have combined to make an interesting story in a turkey breeding operation near Goldsboro in Wayne County.

The fertility and length of fertility of tom and hen turkeys are directly associated with the light intensity and length of light to which the turkeys are exposed daily.

In addition, it appears that the sound of jet engines eliminates "broodiness" which causes turkey hens to stop laying.

The actual effect upon the fertility and excitement in turkeys was graphically pointed out recently on the Diamond Poultry Company breeding farm near Goldsboro.

### The Third Pen

Electric lights which had been installed in roosting enranging pens, in three different ranging areas, were being fed through one transformer. Results of egg fertility in the first two areas were satisfactory; but in the third ranging area, where the lights were 1,500 feet away from the transformer, hatchability was low.

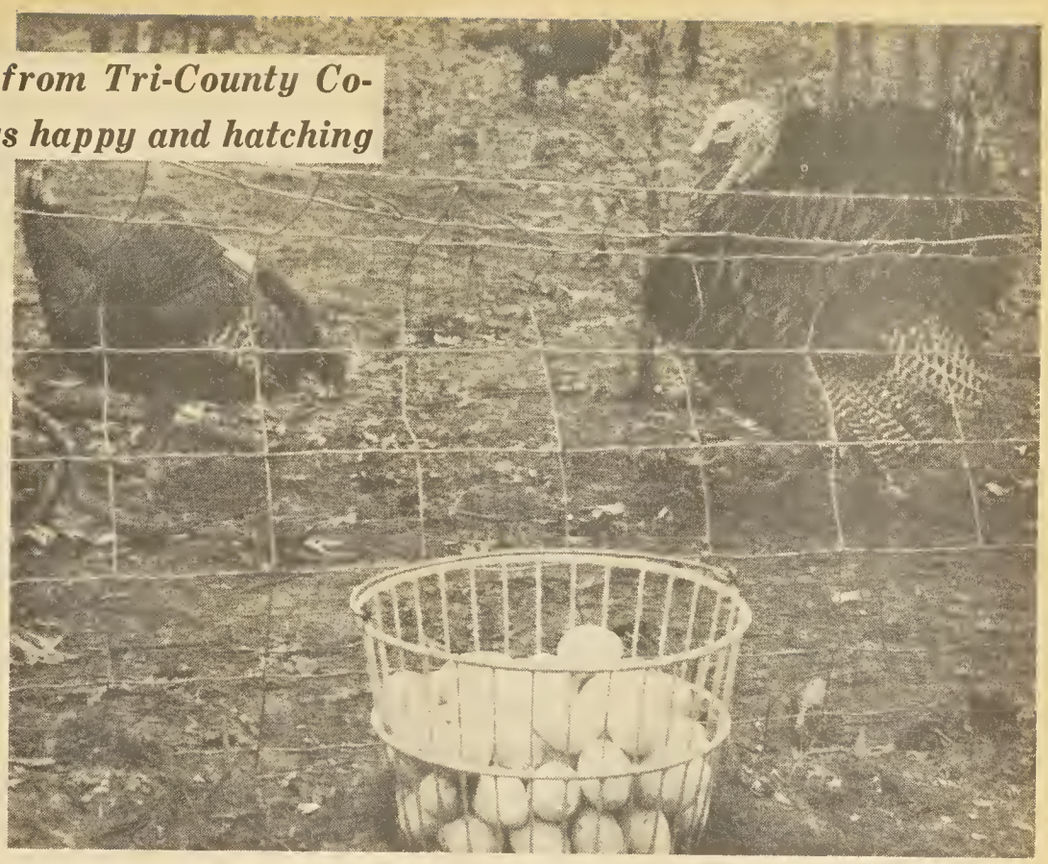
A check revealed that the voltage was low in the third pen, thus the light intensity was lower than desirable. Although the turkeys were getting the recommended 16½ hours of daylight and artificial light combined, the low light intensity was affecting the fertility of the tom turkeys.

Tri-County Electric Membership Corporation went to work with company officials, Louis Maxwell, Jr., and Bill Shepard, to correct the situation by adding an additional transformer to supply adequate voltage to the third roosting enranging pen.

Not only has the turkey fertility been increased through proper lighting but the turkeys are fertile longer.

The electric lights which are hung in the pens, with reflectors, are 5½ feet from the roosters. Light bulbs are alter

## TS *and bright lights from Tri-County Co-op keep the turkeys happy and hatching*



A combination of artificial lights and jet airplanes zooming overhead have proved to be great assists in turkey breeding operations in Wayne County.

nately 60-watt and 100-watt and are spaced in such a manner that a blanket of uniform artificial light covers the roosting pen.

Shepard said that were it not for the lights and adequate voltage, the turkeys would lay adequately only from March through about the second week in July because this is the only time sufficient natural light length is available. Electric lights make it possible to have year around turkey breeding operation.

Diamond Poultry produces hatching eggs for Browning Turkey Hatchery, Winchester, Ky. The company is paid on hatchability; therefore, fertility of the om and hen turkeys is a key factor in letermining profit.

### Help from the Air Force

When Seymour-Johnson Air Force Base was reactivated, a concern was expressed among company officials at Goldsboro as to the effect jet airplanes flying over the turkeys would have on he birds.

Then the company learned that experiments are being conducted in other sections of the United States on broodiness, and one of the methods being sed to overcome it is playing the sounds f jet engines over public address systems.

"We have our jet engine sounds provided by the federal government," said hepard.

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# FRONTIERS for R.E.A.

The new Administrator of REA, Norman Clapp, said in Raleigh in March that REA would move ahead on some old frontiers and open up some new ones. The Carolina Farmer correspondent at National Rural Electric Cooperative Association pursued the matter further, in search of specific new polices and directions. Clapp's answers, given here, shed a good bit of light on questions that are of concern to your own Electric Membership Corporation, and of course, to you.

Q. *In your first formal statment you mentioned that REA planned to press forward on some old frontiers as well as opening up new ones. Would you enumerate some of these new frontiers?*

**A.** I think probably the most dramatic new frontier is one that is under discussion now in connection with the area redevelopment legislation. This is a proposal, as you know, which provides funds for the development of rural communities, and it has been suggested that both the cooperative devices that have been developed through the REA programs and the techniques and know-how that have been developed through the growth of rural electrification could be used to advantage in building other forms of community enterprise.

## *REA's Place in Redevelopment*

Q. *Do you anticipate that REA will play a central role in administering the redevelopment program within the Department of Agriculture?*

**A.** Secretary Freeman has said that, in the discussions within the Administration, it has been generally agreed that the rural part of this development program would be delegated to the Department of Agriculture. If this comes to pass, I feel it's generally recognized that REA has experience which would qualify it to handle at least a portion of this program within the Department.

Q. *Are present plans to break up the functions of the program among the various agencies of the Department of Agriculture, or have your plans gotten along this far?*

**A.** I can't say anything very definite on that score, but certainly the Farmers Home Administration, as well as REA, would have a distinct part in any such program.

## *The Ingredient of Credit*

Q. *Secretary Freeman has mentioned credit as an essential ingredient lacking in attempts to bring industry to rural areas. Do you agree?*

**A.** I think it is a vital ingredient that is lacking in many, many possible enterprises in rural communities. By financing and credit, I mean low-interest, long-term equity capital. Of course, if you have a growing concern and lots of property that you can mortgage, you usually have little trouble doing business at the bank. But there isn't much of this in the underdeveloped rural areas. What's needed are low-interest, long-term equity loans that enable new enterprises to get underway.

Q. *I presume that you noticed in President Kennedy's recent message on agriculture, that he remarked that cooperatives could play a large role in the development of rural communities. Do you think he had in mind the redevelopment program? Or what interpretation do you place on the statement?*

**A.** Well, the President's message, of course, speaks for itself. I do not want to presume to say just what was in his mind. I would think, however, that the President's reference to the potential of cooperatives could certainly be applied to this field.

Q. *Let's take the case of a rural electric cooperative in a depressed or underdeveloped area. What do you think the co-op could or should do?*

**A.** I think first of all—and NRECA I know has taken a lead in encouraging this—co-op officers, members and management should take a very active interest in community development projects. I know there is a lot of spade work, a lot of public relations that are necessary to pave the way for these things. The active leadership participation of co-op managers, co-op directors, and officers in the local committees, certainly would be all to the good. Then as the needs and resources of the Community become recognized through these studies and discussions, certainly the experience which the co-op members and officers have had in organizing the electric co-ops would be invaluable if applied to the need for instance, of organizing a food processing co-op or marketing co-op of some kind.

Q. *What is being done right now in REA on rural area development?*

A. First of all, REA is one of 11 agencies represented on the Department of Agriculture's new Rural Areas Development Board. This new program will coordinate and focus the resources of USDA agencies in their efforts to improve rural communities with a substantial number of underemployed people. Second, we are conducting internal studies at REA to see what more we can do to help rural areas under our existing authority. I can tell you now that it looks as if we can provide more technical assistance, and perhaps other forms of help as well. Third, we are working closely with NRECA and other co-op organizations, and with individual cooperatives, that are interested in rural areas development.

## Power Supply

Q. *You have given top priority to power supply problems in your recent statements. Have you some specific ideas about what you plan to do in this area?*

A. The ideas will develop as the specific needs and specific projects come along. But, there is no question that the need for power is going up at such a rate that we just have to find new sources. In some areas, these new sources, I presume, will be provided by the Department of the Interior, which has the responsibility for developing hydro-electric projects. In other areas, I think the job is going to fall largely to REA to finance the sources of power for these rural co-ops.

Q. *The President has said a great deal about pooling of power and inter-regional transmission ties. Do you think this holds hope for solving part of this power problem?*

A. Very definitely. Of course, it's not only a matter of pooling, but it's also gaining for some of the less fortunate areas the benefits of low-cost hydro-power on as wide a basis as possible.

## Territorial Defense

Q. *Moving on to the question of territorial integrity . . . Do you have any specific program yet in this area?*

A. Here again, I suppose our help probably is bound to be limited by whatever technical assistance we can give the electric systems in the different states. The problem is different in different states. It is going to have to be fought out pretty much on state lines, but I'm sure as the struggle develops, there are ways which we can help establish a general pattern of defense for all the electric systems.

## Telephones

Q. *Now, could you give us some of your plans for the telephone program?*

A. One of the complaints made is that the cooperative telephone associations have not been playing as large a part in the program as was expected. Certainly we want to exercise every means at our disposal to use the unique advantages inherent in the cooperative device for extending area coverage of telephones.

I think it is important to bear in mind that there is a fundamental difference between the motivation of a commercial stock company and a cooperative. This is no reflection on the commercial stock companies, but the fact of the matter is that their operations are motivated primarily by a desire to make a financial return for the investor.

It means that if left to their own devices, they are going to shy away from the marginal areas—they are going to stay out of the areas which they think are probably not financially profitable. They are not accustomed to regarding the extension of service to those areas as their problem.

On the other hand, the motivation of cooperatives is the desire for service. Regardless of what the commercial companies may think about the financial return that is available in some of these marginal and more thinly settled areas, the need is there, and the people who live there are very conscious of the need. This becomes a motivating force which the cooperatives can bring to bear on the extension of telephone service, but which the stock commercial companies don't provide.

So I think it is going to be not only important, but I think it is probably going to be inevitable, that as we move out into the more marginal areas of area coverage, we are going to have to rely more upon cooperatives to do the job.

## What Can Co-op Leaders Do?

Q. *We have talked a great deal about what REA can do in these various programs. I wonder if you have any ideas about what the local cooperatives and their leaders should or could do for the program?*

A. Why, I suppose it is hard to be specific on that because these problems come up in many shapes. But, if I were to generalize I think I see one need that seems to be quite common throughout the electric cooperatives . . . They (the co-ops) have survived some very tough battles. They have come up the hard way. The generation that fought those battles and won them is now getting along to the period when they are stepping aside for younger membership and younger leadership. A lot of these younger folk have very little appreciation of the battles that were necessary to establish this program. They take it for granted. I think it is very important that we somehow bring home to the newer and younger groups the understanding of what has been built for them, and the cost at which it was built, and the need for being constantly alert lest this be taken away from them through their complacence or neglect.

## Conclusion

I think the main thing is to bear in mind that the job of the rural electrification program—as originally conceived—was to bring the benefits of electric power to rural people, and by so doing, to improve the level of living and the well-being of people in rural areas. It seems to me that it is a perfectly normal and logical extension of that program that we are now working on telephone service. And beyond that, it seems perfectly normal and logical that we should at some time soon have the opportunity of applying the experience and know-how we have gained in these jobs in rural America to the broader challenge of developing more economic activity and improving the economic base of rural communities.

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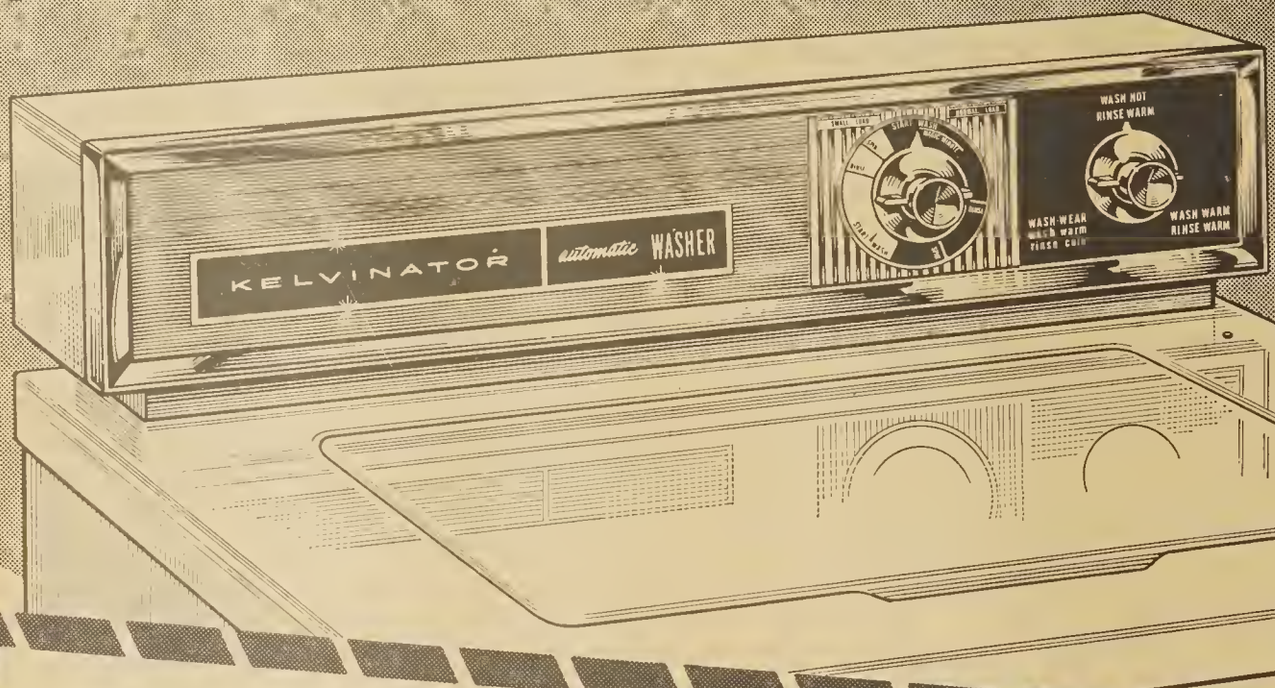


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# Ireland's Loss--America's Gain

By ITA HARNETT (*an Irish girl*)

☐ It has been said that the United States is a "nation of nations;" and Ireland, more than any other nation, has left its stamp on the American character.

Nearly half-a-million Irish fled to America during Cromwell's persecutions of the 17th Century. The exodus continued at the rate of 20,000 a year until the year 1770, and it was estimated that of the 3 million people living in the original 13 colonies, more than one-third were either Irish born or of Irish descent.

**Potato Blight**

The failure of the potato crop in the 1840's sent more than 1½ million Irish to America's shore in 10 years.

In the annals of American history, Irish names are plentiful and prominent. Of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, four were Irish born and five of Irish descent. At least 22 Irishmen sat in the first Continental Congress.

It was Dublin-born James Hoban who designed the White House, modelling it after the Duke of Lenster's Home in Dublin, which today is the Irish House of Parliament.

It was an Irish American, Francis Scott Key, who wrote the "Star Spangled Banner."

John Barry, the Irishman from Wexford, became the Father of the American Navy. His statue stands in Washington, D. C., and a similar statue, alike in every detail, stands in the town of Wexford, Ireland—a gift from the American people to the Irish nation, as a tribute to the nationality of this illustrious son of Erin.

**"Irish" Presidents**

Another Wexford man was great grandfather of the present President of the United States. Earlier presidents had their roots even closer to Ireland. Woodrow Wilson's grandfather emigrated from Ireland in 1807, and Andrew Jackson was the child of poor parents who had emigrated from Carrickfergus, County Antrim, Ireland.

Boston had a St. Patrick's Day Parade as early as 1737, Philadelphia in 1771, Baltimore in 1791, St. Louis in 1810 and San Francisco in 1850. New York has had public celebrations for March 17th since 1766.

## *The Mag With The Most*

*(Editor's Note: We don't get around to spreading the good news about ourselves very much, so we're greatful to whatever news agency originated the following story which appeared in a number of newspapers last month. This particular clipping is reprinted from the Anson Record, Wadesboro.)*

RALEIGH—What magazine or newspaper printed in North Carolina and with all its readers in this State has the largest circulation?

Some might say *the Progressive Farmer,* but it is printed in Birmingham, Alabama. Others might point to the *Charlotte Observer,* but much of its readership is in South Carolina.

There was a time when the Raleigh *News & Observer* could make this boast. It now has a circulation of approximately 135,000.

But the largest publication printed in North Carolina, with all of its circulation in the State, is a magazine called the *Carolina Farmer,* printed in Raleigh and owned by the Tarheel Electric Membership Corporation.

It comes out monthly. In the March issue in a sworn statement required by the U. S. Post Office Dept., it reports that the "average number of copies of each issue of this publication sold or distributed through the mails or otherwise, to paid subscribers during the 12 months preceding the date above was: 162,249."


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# GHOST MOUNTAIN

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some problems which involved Haywood Electric Membership Corporation. Coburn wanted complete authenticity, as well as modern conveniences.

This meant electricity but no lines in the villages proper. During construction of the park, Haywood stayed above ground with its lights, but plans were to put them underground before the park opened.

In all, Haywood Electric will bring power to 96 outdoor lights, as well as the businesses and railroad. Western Town will have gas lights which are authentic in every detail except one. They are electric.

The railroad, which consists of double tracks and two cars, will be powered by two stationary 75 hp electric motors. Coburn says it is the first major incline built in 30 years in the United States, and the only one with double tracks. The cars will be pulled by a one-inch cable; another cable and a breaking device provide insurance against the unlikely possibility of failure of the primary cable.

Coburn speaks so softly about the building of Ghost Mountain Park that you feel he sees nothing unusual in a person buying a mountain, and in 10 months, which included harsh winter weather:

1. Cutting 40 feet off the top. 2. Running a railroad up a grade so steep that bulldozers had to work as teams to cut the right of way—one acting as anchor to the other. 3. Moving materials up a logging trail so rough that bulldozers had to pull trucks up the mountain. 4. Building five towns—one a fair-sized village of 22 substantial buildings. 5. Cutting a new road. 6. Lining up concessionnaires for 30 businesses. 7. Counting on an eight-month season and a million visitors in tourist country that has a late spring and early fall. 8. Keeping track of his businesses back in Orangeburg, which he does with the help of his private plane.

In soothing, convincing South Carolina tones, Coburn claimed he was not a promoter; and gravely, he described his approach to operating Ghost Mountain Park:

"Most people put all they've got into a brochure. We believe in giving the people more than they expect, and in giving them most of it free. Of course, if they want to spend some money, we'll let them."

In a sweeping gesture that covered both the view and his villages, Coburn added reverently: "How could you put *this* in a brochure? It would take a catalogue, and you still wouldn't have it!"

# MAIL BOX

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noon for dinner he put me on your back to take you to the branch for your noon water. I was not big enough to ride without the harness so he left them on you so I would have something to hold on to, so I could not fall off.

How I enjoyed that no one will ever know! As time marched on, I grew and was big enough to ride you without the help of the harness.

My father taught me to put your bridle on your head and to harness you up ready for work. I learned to plow you and we made some good cotton, corn and hay together.

In the summer when the plowing was over, my father let me graze you about the barn and where grass grew. The good times we had together was wonderful. I learned to ride you!

You was my pet, my work, and my living. That is why I think you should be preserved.

Many people pour their dollars into things that they can't even get back. My way of thinking is you paid for every bit you ate.

Because you can be used for work and to have fun.

As for politics, I bet the new governor owes you more than he cares to admit. Most likely a plug one at that.

So here is hoping he will put on his thinking cap and look what you have done for the people of N. C. It isn't your fault that people got too lazy to feed and water you. The people of N. C. are indebted to you, Mr. Mule. May they preserve you for the good that you have done.

Mrs. Myrtle Berry

## *the lady writes*

## *If incorporated, I'd fight for my right to retain my membership in the REA....*

*(Reprinted from the Durham Sun "Public Opinion Column.")*

**By Mrs. O. R. Gallagher**
**Route 4, Durham**

Editor, The Sun:

It is gratifying to know that justice still prevails in some areas of our judicial system. In two recent cases involving the Duke Power Co. and the Carolina Power and Light Co. versus the two REA Cooperatives in their areas, the State Supreme court gave its decision in favor of the REA. The shame of it is that such cases have to be appealed to the State Supreme Court for justice.

Here were two co-ops which some years ago entered rural areas to give electricity to people who otherwise could not have gotten it. It was no doubt due to the fact that those communities had electricity that those communities grew until they were later taken into the city limits. Along came the big power companies and tried to force the REA to relinquish those members, just because they had been taken into the town or city.

Some of us grateful users of electricity through the REA know that it hasn't been easy in many cases for these co-ops to be established in isolated rural communities. It has been an expensive business to service families who are scattered so widely. But they did. Now that things are looking up and their membership has increased, just why should the big companies take away those members? What right do they have to them? Why not live and let live?

As a charter member of an REA cooperative [Wake EMC], I should like to tell you what a blessing this organization is to people such as me and my husband. We live a third of a mile off a public road. We were without electricity for the first few years that we lived here. We were told that we would have to pay a certain amount for each pole if we wanted electricity. It would have been too expensive for us and our neighbors to do this, even if we had the money with

which to do it. Along came the REA and offered us the electricity we so much needed. We have been able to make a living raising chickens for the past 25 years. We could not have done this without the electricity.

In 1935, only 10 per cent of America's farms were electrified. The rest had little prospect of getting service at a price they could afford. In those days, it was common practice for commercial companies to ignore rural residents. The power companies could see no profit in building long extension through sparsely settled countryside. When the companies did offer service, it was common for them to require the farmer to pay the cost of the line, and turn title over to the power company. In other cases the farmer was asked to contribute several hundred dollars, or even a thousand or more, to the company before the line was built. Even when they could get a line built, many farmers were asked to guarantee that they would use a large amount of power each month. Congress finally acted and the REA came into being.

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Today, this nonprofit organization distributes electricity to almost five million families, churches, schools and other establishments. They provide service to just about half of the nation's farms. Most of the farms have electricity now, too. Ninety-six per cent of America's farms are now electrified.

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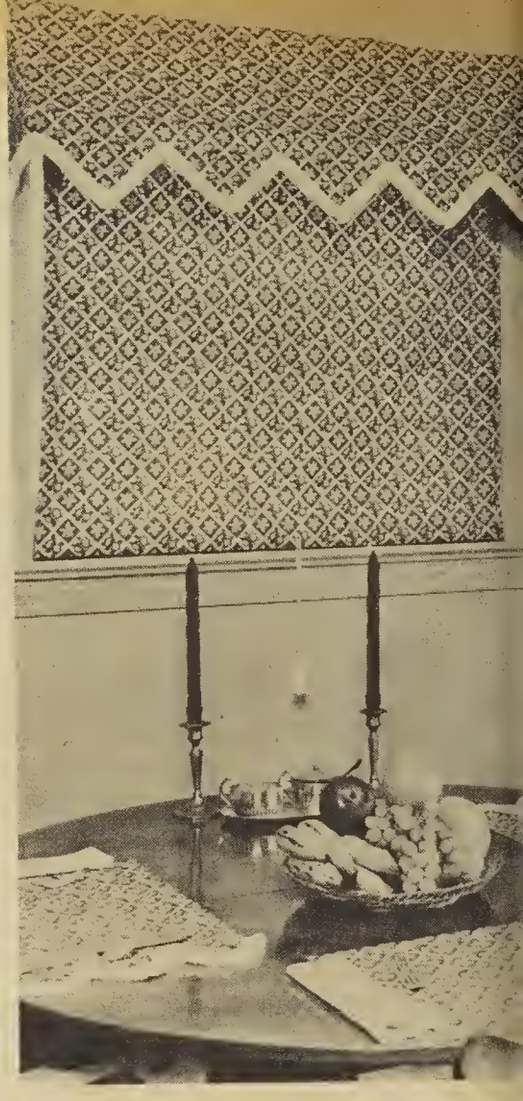
# Drape your Walls with COLOR

The Carolina Homemaker
Edited By Rebekah Rivers

☐ Experts agree, dramatizing your house is easy—if you you concentrate on *color*. The secret for successful completion of the formula is to aim for a coordinated color scheme—a plan where all the colors in a room harmonize or blend together. There are a few simple things to remember and then you, too, may be an expert. Avoid extremes. Avoid drab, matching colors like browns and grays which tend to be gloomy and boring. Avoid too many colors or distracting or meaningless contrasts.

Start with one basic color. To help you make the best choice—and there are no set rules for this—think first of the colors which you like and which would provide the most effective and attractive setting for your own coloring. Then, analyze the room: the use, the size, and the kind of light it will receive.

Living rooms should emphasize bright cheerful colors—with less extreme contrasts—if a cozy, cheerful feeling for long



BEDROOM CHARM. Large floral print in polished cotton sets color scheme for this bedroom. (Upper left)

EYE APPEAL. Dinette is brightened by small provincial cotton print and white cotton fringe at window. Fabric shade is easy to make. (Upper right)

COUNTRY LIVING. White curtains and bold slip covers add color to living room. Blue cotton moss fringe trims scalloped curtain heading and slipcovers. Pince pleats and scallops made by sewing special tapeto heading. (Left)

COZY CORNER. A shirred shade of cotton corduroy trimmed with flat homespun braid turns ugly window into beauty. Made with special tape woven with cords, make handsome folds. (Right)

stretches of time is desired. To carry out the restful theme for bedrooms, cool colors are best in quiet, harmonizing blends.

On the other hand, bold contrasts with bright colors may be planned for rooms where traffic just passes through (foyers, halls, dining room). This will heighten interest during the short stay.

Red, yellow and orange tones are the warm colors best uesd in rooms facing North where there is little direct sunlight; while blue, violet and green tones are cool colors used to better advantage in sunny rooms.

Once you select your basic color, interest and beauty may be heightened by the way in which tones and shades of this basic color are duplicated throughout the room. And the entire color picture can be enriched by the addition of complimentary color shades. Most people can make the selection of the basic color, but are perplexed at the latter stage.

One easy method is to find the color in the pattern of upholstery fabric or wallpaper. All the other shades are there, too—and you have the assurance of color combinations and patterns designed by professional artists. Just repeat the basic color of the pattern for the wall coloring; the deeper shades for the rugs; and the brighter colors for the accent notes of the sofa pillows or other accessories.

Although your redecoration has been started with color added to your walls—and possibly the addition of new slip covers to your sofa and chairs—the room still needs a finishing touch. None is more elegantly, tastefully supplied than with wall-, window-draperies or curtains. They complete the room's dressed-up appearance much the same as gloves, purse and jewelry complete a fashionable outfit.

Inasmuch as draperies and curtains are usually grouped around window areas, they create a focal point. Usually they represent the largest vertical areas in a room and therefore have a major effect on the room's appearance. For example, to make a room seem higher, use straight curtains which hang from the top of the window to the floor. A predominantly vertical pattern and, of course, a vertical stripe will make the ceiling seem higher, while horizontal patterns will have the opposite effect. Draperies may also be used to reduce or enlarge the window space or correct faulty proportions.

So you want a lovelier home?

Don't knock down the walls!

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# sumptious strawberry surprises

## *preserve the poetry of May's berries in January's desserts*

### STRAWBERRY PINEAPPLE SAUCE

Here is a tasty new recipe to home freeze, making use of those succulent strawberries at the peak of their goodness. Strawberry pineapple sauce can be served over waffles, pancakes or cake, for a delicious out-of-season treat next winter.

*Yield — 3 Pints*

*¾ cup sugar*
*3 tablespoons cornstarch*
*2 cups pineapple juice*
*¼ cup lemon juice*
*¼ cup butter*
*1½ cups sliced strawberries*
*1 cup pineapple chunks*

Combine sugar and cornstarch. Gradually add pineapple and lemon juice. Cook, stirring constantly, until thick and clear. Add butter. Stir until melted. Add sliced strawberries and pineapple chunks. Cook over low flame for a few minutes. Cool and pour into two pint and one-half size waxed board containers. Snap on rigid plastic lid, mark with date and contents and place in freezer. When ready to serve, defrost and pour, either hot or cold, over waffles for a hearty breakfast treat.

### STRAWBERRY NAPOLEONS

Try this luscious recipe for the home freezer when you have some fresh strawberries on hand. Two Strawberry Napoleons will fill a pint and one-half size home freezing container, ready to freeze and enjoy anytime next winter.

*Yield — 6 Napoleons*

*2 packages pie crust mix (cut 24 squares)*
*1 pint heavy cream*
*⅓ cup confectioners sugar*
*1 teaspoon vanilla*
*2 cups sliced strawberries*

Prepare pie crust according to directions on the package. Roll pie crust ⅛ inch thick and cut into 3-inch squares to fit into container. Prick each square with a fork and bake until golden brown. Cool. Whip cream and fold in remaining ingredients. Place a square of pie crust in the bottom of a pint and one-half size Vapocan. Cover with a layer of strawberry mixture. Repeat layering with a piece of pie crust, using 4 squares of pie crust for each Napoleon. Two Napoleons, separated by a sheet of foil, will fill a pint and one-half size container. Snap on rigid plastic lid, mark contents and date on identification band and freeze. Serve either partially frozen or defrosted.

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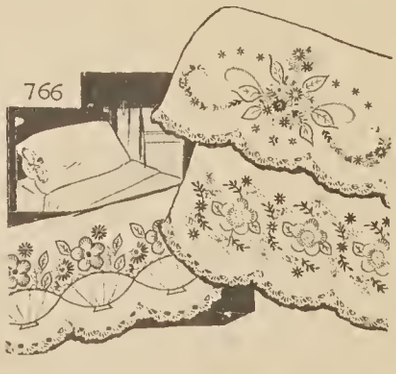


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# Carolina Kitchens

## Recipes From Co-op Homemakers

MISS JANE BLAKELY, *the Carolina Farmer's* 1960 Silver Jubilee Scholarship winner, sends us this month a salad recipe which she has used in a 4-H Dairy Foods Demonstration. Jane is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Blakely, Ellerbe, who are members of the Pee Dee Electric Membership Corporation. The Blakelys also have two sons, John, 20, a student at N. C. State, and Bruce, 8.

*Jane is a senior at the Ellerbe High School, where she is a member of the Glee Club, Journalism Club, 4-H Club, FHA, varsity basketball team. She has been a state 4-H winner in Girl's Home Economics.*

She plans to use the $500 *Carolina Farmer* scholarship at W. C. U. N. C. or at the University of North Carolina. Her career plans are indefinite. She writes, "If I attend W. C. U. N. C., I will study either home economics or mathematics.

*If you'd like to share a special recipe through this column, send it to: The Carolina Farmer, Homemaking Section, Box 699, Raleigh, N. C. If you have a good snapshot of yourself, send it along. And include something about yourself and family: the size of your family, the name of your electric membership corporation, the clubs you belong to, etc.*

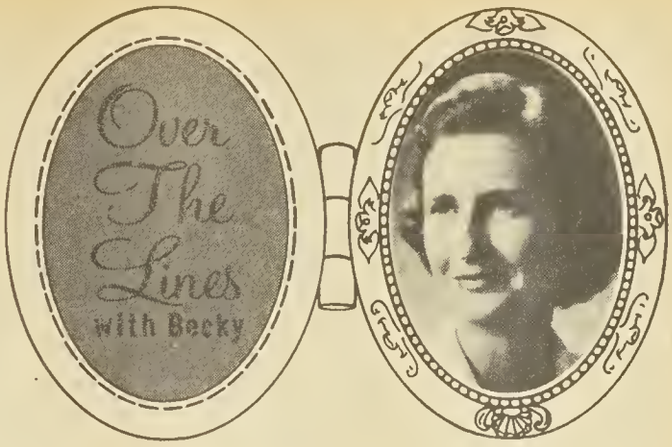
CAROLINA FARMER RECIPE

Submitted by Miss Jane Blakely
Route 1, Box 30
Ellerbe, North Carolina

BUTTERMILK SALAD

*1 pkg. lime gelatin*
*1 cup hot liquid (juice from small can pineapple plus water to make 1 cup)*
*1 small can pineapple*
*1 cup buttermilk*
*¼ cup broken nutmeats*
*Chopped Cherries (optional)*

Dissolve lime gelatin in hot liquid. Cool and add buttermilk. Allow to start to jell. Then add crushed pineapple and nutmeats. Add cherries, if desired, to give color. Chill until firm.




## *Small cheer and great welcome . . .*

The Waterloo of many a school lad, William Shakespeare—to whom everything quotable is attributed, unless the credit is given to the Bible, Benjamin Franklin, or Abraham Lincoln—ventured this thought in *A Comedy of Errors*: "Small cheer and great welcome makes a merry feast."

Now, not even in my wildest flights from reality could I convince myself that the Bard was crystal gazing and foreseeing small electric appliances (encasing a magic far beyond the powers of his Aeriel). But, since the poet is no longer around to defend himself, we can twist his beautiful words to our own meanings: Certainly, a small appliance brings cheer (but not *small* cheer) to its owner, who receives it with great welcome, and derives from it a merry feast of luxury.

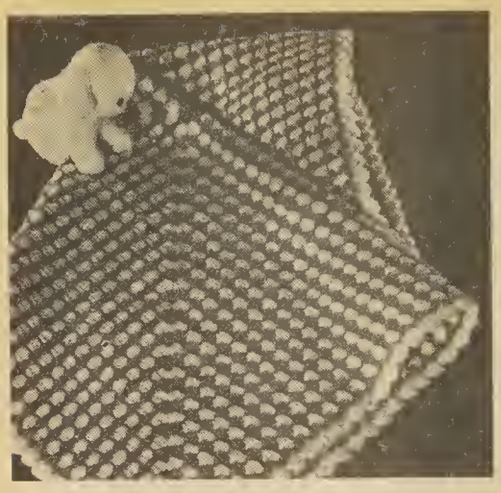
May is small-appliance-giving-time. It's a graduation month, Mother's Day month, wedding day month, and not-long-until-Father's Day month. No gift will be received with more gladness by the graduate, Mother, the bride, or Father, than an electric appliance geared to their ages, needs, or hobbies. And what a bevy of interesting, even unusual gifts you can find when you're shopping electrically.

Mom and Dad both could enjoy a recently-marketed culitivator-tiller, which comes with attachments to convert it to a trimmer edger and a floor scrubber and polisher. Of course, this is out of the small appliance classification—and price; but it is a new, useful, and labor-saving gift for someone special.

Spring graduates of both sexes should enjoy a sun lamp. One I saw recently features a special filter for screening out the short ultra-violet rays which cause burning. The sweet girl graduate would be delighted with any of the new electric hairdryers now on the market. Some of them are hood driers, designed so that the user can read, do her nails, while drying her hair. Some have a comb attachment for drying, made especially for naturally curly hair, short hair, children's hair. Most of the new models have controlled temperature.

The young man high on your graduation list might need an electric saver to take him manfully on to college—or out into the world.

For Mom's Day, the list of electric gifts is limitless: There are the tried and trusted gifts: the electric mixer, toaster, electric sewing machine (if many children share to present a larger gift), blender, electric scissors, and on and on. New ideas include step lights (flat panels with electric conductive film) to prevent family accidents. The brand-new mother might like something from the electric baby-care shelves, an automatic food warmer, an electric sterilizer.



DOTTED AFGHAN. An afghan is a welcome addition to baby's layette because it contributes welcomed warmth and beauty. The dotted pattern of this one is obtained with grouped stitches in two contrasting colors. One-piece construction begins at the center and works out. No. B-107.

BEAUTIFUL BABY. A baby set's an ideal welcoming gift for the family's newest friend or relative. Here's a knitted sacque and bonnet done in a pretty striped design with soft baby wool. Ribbon rosettes add a charming finishing touch. No. B-109.

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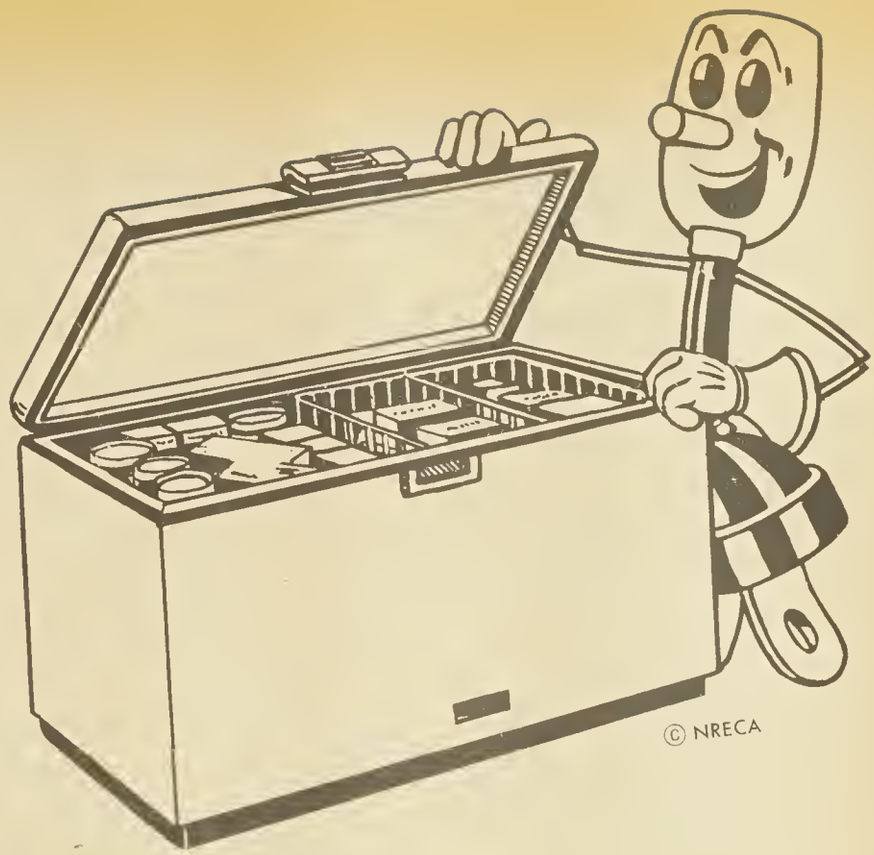


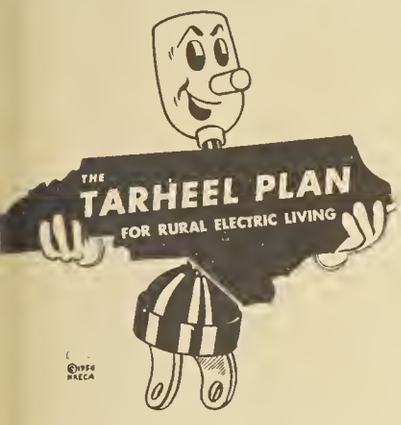


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## —Questions & Answers on Legislation—

*(Continued from page 7)*

Supreme Court Justice Rodman described the situation in a recent decision involving the cooperative, the Town of Hudson, and Duke Power Company.

"We cannot overlook the fact that Duke had a franchise from Hudson as early as 1927," Justice Rodman wrote. "Notwithstanding this fact, Hudson had taken no action to compel service to all of its inhabitants, or if it had sought to force service for their benefit, the Utilities Commission in its discretion had refused to require the service, thus compelling some of its inhabitants to turn to Blue Ridge as the only source of service. Blue Ridge was, because of this failure of Hudson and Duke to provide service, rightfully serving the inhabitants of this rural community. Hudson's action in expanding its boundaries so as to remove it from the category of a rural community did not make the original entry or its continued operation unlawful."

**Q. In the test cases mentioned, did the court offer any protection to the *areas* of the cooperatives?**

A. Apparently not. In one case, from which we quoted above, the cooperatives first thought so; but when the lower court interpreted the Supreme Court's decision, the EMCs were left with a small victory.

Current court interpretations, which are being appealed, afford the cooperatives only the right to serve those who were *members* prior to annexation.

This means, we believe, that when a member leaves the premises a cooperative is now serving, it would lose the ability to serve the premises, and could not acquire membership from the new resident.

**Q. Would the bill you propose give cooperatives the right to serve premises in an annexed area?**

A. Yes, if it was serving the premises prior to the annexation.

**Q. Would it give cooperatives the right to serve newly-built houses in the annexed area?**

A. Yes, as long as the premises was not being served already.

**Q. Would it give the cooperatives the right to enter, for the first time, an area already annexed to the city?**

A. No. It would bar them from so doing in towns larger than 1,500 population except upon approval of the governing body of the town.

In some cases, towns extend their boundaries far into rural areas for tax purposes or in order to enjoy Power Bill funds. The clause, "except upon approval of the governing body" makes it possible for residents of those thinly settled areas that are within municipalities to obtain electric service. Frequently the franchised utility won't extend service, and the nearby cooperative is willing to if given the authority.

**Q. Is there anything a member can do to help get this legislation passed?**

A. Yes. Contact your senator and representatives in the General Assembly and urge them to support the bill proposed by Tarheel Electric.

# Rural Roundtable

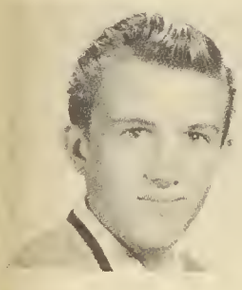
## Should I date a boy who has stood me up?

THERESA FOSTER
Mocksville, Davie Electric

If a boy stands a girl up, I do not think she should date him again. If she accepted another date, his standing her up could become a habit and I do not think a girl should let a boy take advantage of her. I feel sure that any boy, if he really cared for the girl, would do his best to get her word if something came up which made it impossible for him to keep the date.

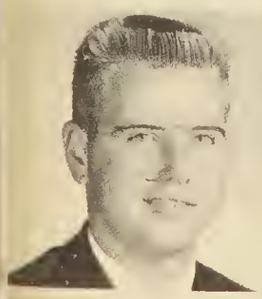
DOROTHY LOU WARREN
Dunn, South River Electric

Whether a girl should date a boy again after he has stood her up depends upon the reason for his not coming. If he had a sufficient reason for not coming, I believe it would be perfectly all right to date the boy again. If he has no excuse I do not think the girl should date him again. Whether or not the excuse is valid is up to the girl.



BILLY KISER
Bessemer City, Rutherford EMC

In answer to this question, I would say, "no." If a boy deliberately stands up a girl, I don't think you could expect him to fulfill the next date. A boy or girl should never break a date without a good reason. I think a person is only as good as his own word.



CHARLES WALSTON
Belcross, Albemarle Electric

If the boy has a good reason for standing the girl up, he should call her and tell her that he can not go. He should not wait until it is late to call off the date. If the boy should stand a girl up just for the sake of doing it, then the girl should not date him again because I don't think that kind of a boy would be worth dating.

THIS MONTH'S QUESTION is asked by *Cynthia Mooring*, 16, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Zeb Mooring, Maury, N. C. The Moorings are members of the Pitt and Greene Electric Membership Corporation.

*Cynthia enjoys sports, particularly basketball, and is a cheerleader and Monogram Club member at the Maury High School, where she is a member of the Junior Class. She also belongs to the Glee Club and Future Homemakers of America.*

Of her question, Cynthia comments, "My friends and I often discuss this question, and we are most anxious to know the ideas of the panelists on this matter."

*If you have a question you'd like discussed by the panel, send it to the Rural Roundtable, the Carolina Farmer, P. O. Box 1699, Raleigh, N. C. Include the following information: your name, school and grade, name of parents, address, name of electric membership corporation, and your special interests and talents. If your question is chosen for the panel to answer, we will send you $5.*

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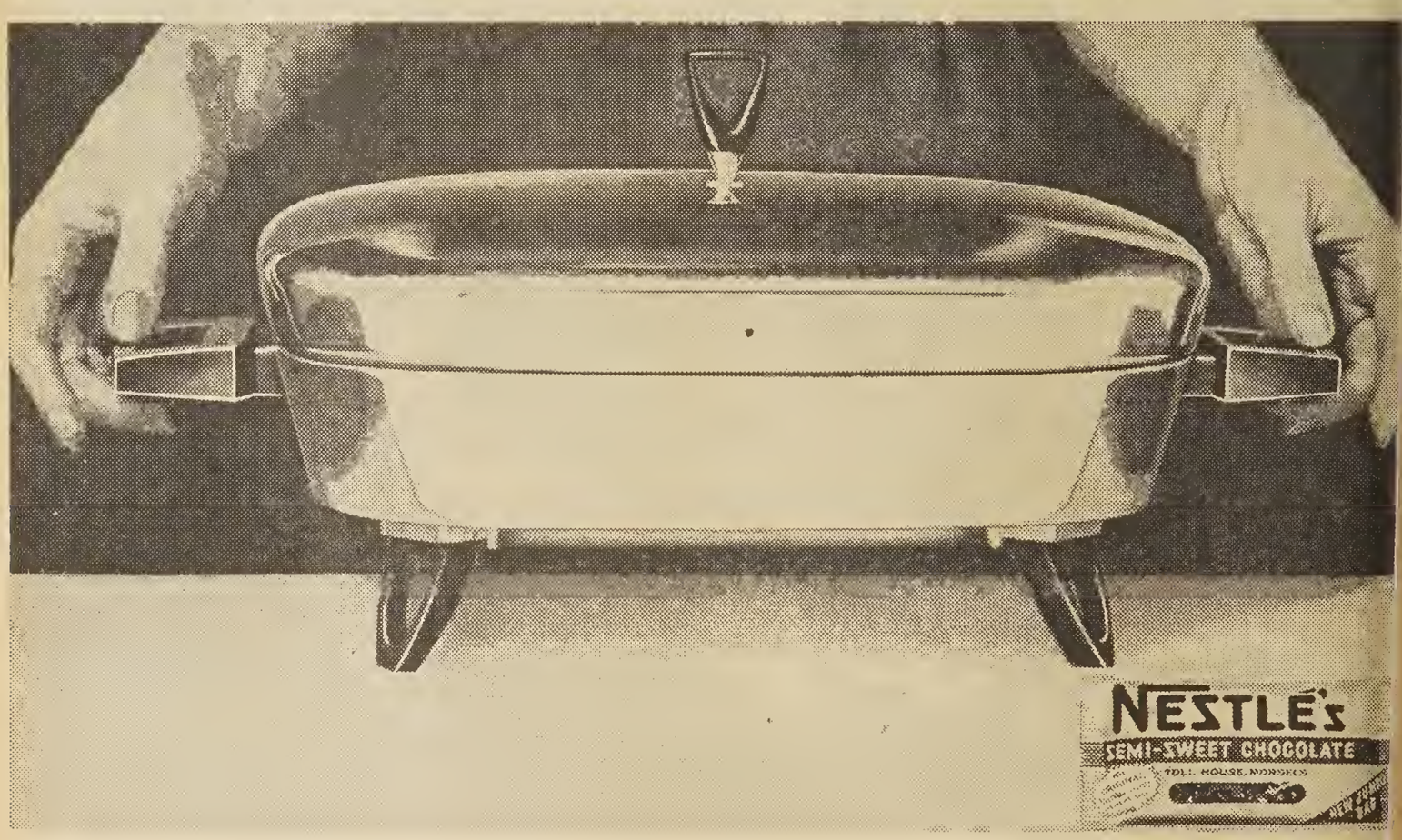


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### Underpaid

For many years a Chinese cook had been employed by a wealthy Texas rancher. One day, as a reward for an unusually fine meal, the rancher decided to take notice of the cook's efforts and give him a raise in wages. The next payday the cook noticed the extra money in his pay envelope.

"Why you pay me more, boss?" he asked.

"Because you've been a good and faithful cook all these years, and I appreciate it."

The cook considered that thoughtfully. "Oh, you been cheating me long time, eh?"

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### Postcard

A psychiatrist received a postcard from a vacationing patient. "Dear Doctor," it said, "Having a wonderful time. Wish you were here to tell me why."

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### Reserved

*A policeman saw a woman lying in the gutter on the main street. He ran up to her and frantically asked if she was hurt badly.*

*"Oh, no, I'm not hurt at all," the woman replied. "I'm just saving a parking space for my husband."*

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"What ever happened to apple pie? Is there a government restriction on apple pie?"

# HALE!

### Good Reason

A lady phoned her television serviceman and complained that something was wrong with her set. The serviceman asked her for the symptoms.

"Well," she replied, "the newscaster is on right now and he has a very long face."

"Madam," said the serviceman, "if you had to report what's happening these days, you'd have a long face, too."

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### Wise Cracks

*. . . Worry is like a rocking chair—it keeps you busy but it doesn't get you anywhere.*

*. . . The kid who used to want to be a first baseman now wants to be the first spaceman.*

*. . . A budget is a pay-as-you-go financial plan that doesn't let you go anywhere.*

*. . . Some folks have been so scared by reading about the harmful effects of smoking that they have decided to give up reading.*

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### Proud

And then there's the one about the porter who got a job working for a major airline. He was very proud of his uniform and his new job, but, naturally, he knew very little about the company's operations, what cities were served, etc.

So one day when a traveling man asked him if the airline went to Detroit, he pulled himself up to his full height and proudly said:

"Mr., if there's air there—we go there!"

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### Farming

*A farm is a hunk of land on which, if you get up early enough in the mornings and work late enough nights, you'll make a fortune—if you strike oil.*

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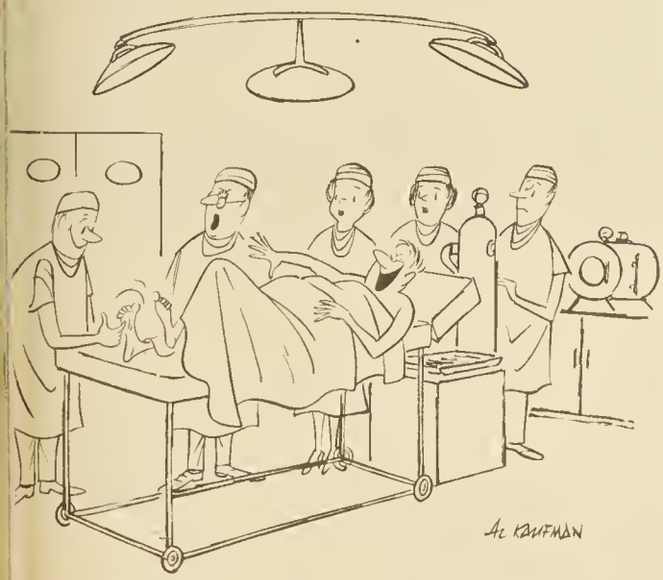
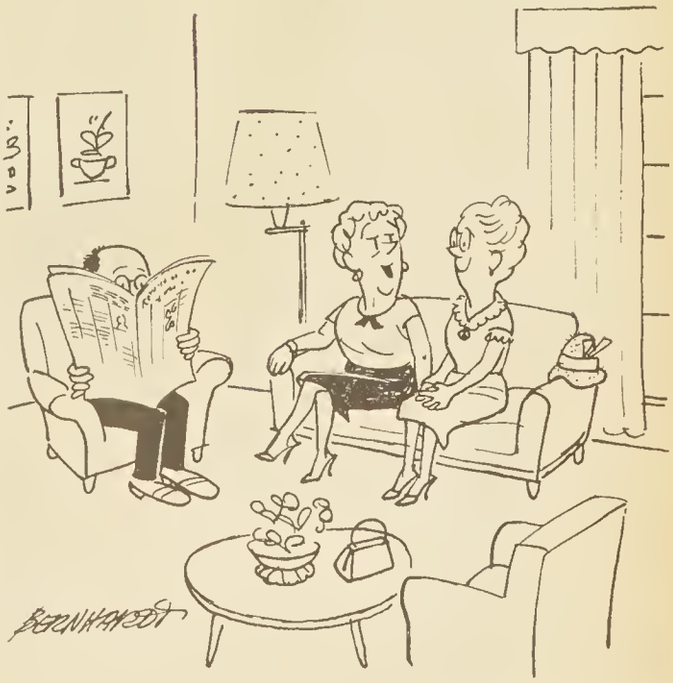



Brandon, it's high time you were beginning to take your profession seriously!"

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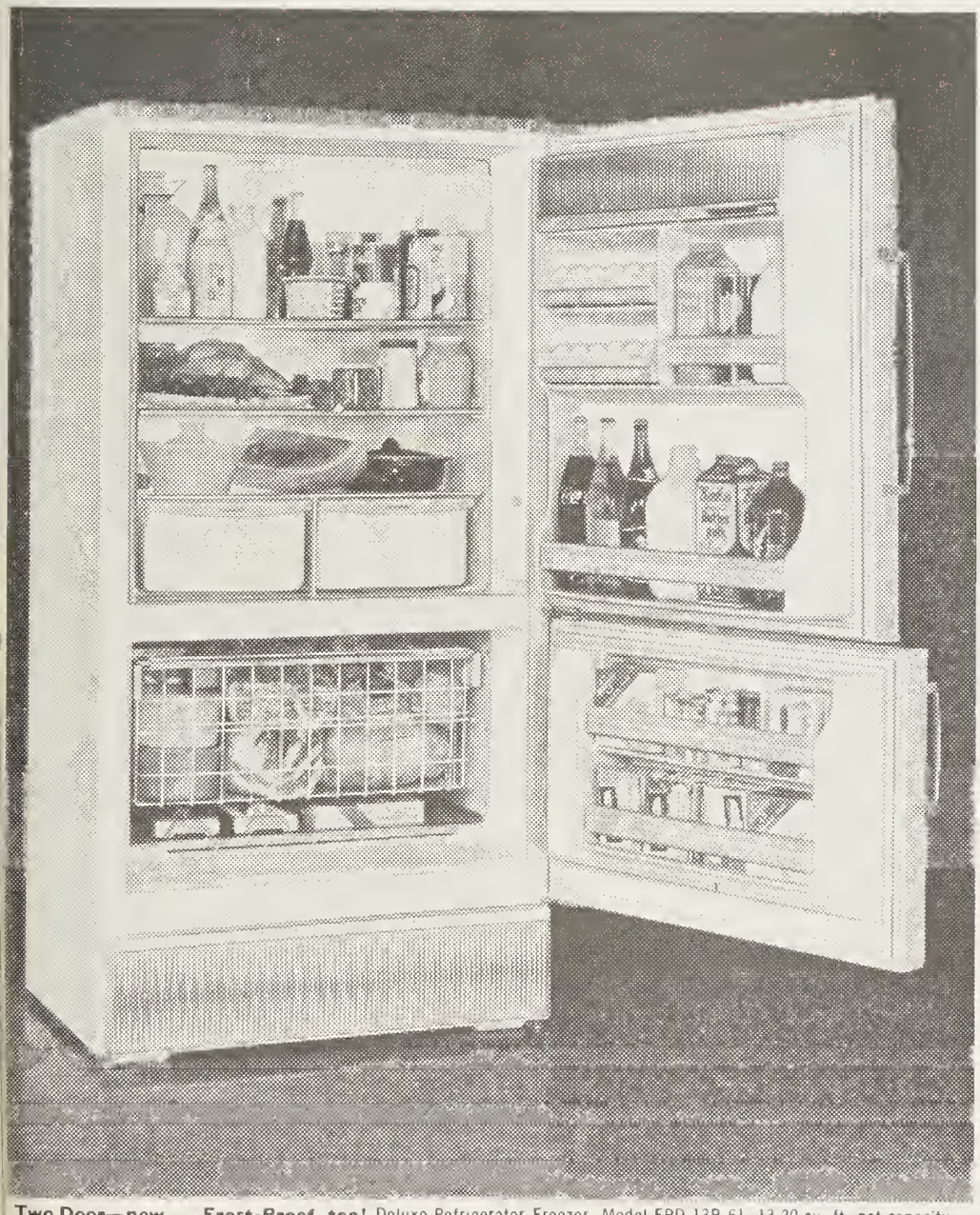

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